

## House Resolution No. 3573

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably contribute an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, Rosemary Hodge-Graves, Ed.D., of Kansas City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Associate Superintendent for Student and Family Services in the North Kansas City School District, a leadership role that she will draw to a close on June 30, 2007, in well-deserved retirement after twenty-four years of service; and

**Whereas**, the former Director and Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services for North Kansas City schools, Dr. Rosemary Hodge-Graves has been an educator and administrator for thirty years; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Rosemary Hodge-Graves prepared for her diverse duties and responsibilities in education by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education, a Master of Science degree in special education, and a Doctor of Education degree, all from Indiana University; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Rosemary Hodge-Graves is the recipient of a Missouri PTA Honorary Life Membership Award, a Visionary Leadership Award from the Missouri Native American Parent Council, a National Recognition Award from the United States Department of Justice, a Certificate of Merit from the Gifted Association of Missouri, and a Leotta Semmes Scholarship, among other special recognitions; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Rosemary Hodge-Graves is justifiably proud also to be known as the loving mother of Judy Hodge-Hall, mother-in-law of Derek Hall, grandmother of Jillian Hall and Derek Hall, Jr., sister of Norma Allums, and daughter of Frankie Cotton:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered down through the years by Dr. Rosemary Hodge-Graves as an educator and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Rosemary Hodge-Graves of Kansas City, Missouri

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jerry Nolte  
District No. 33

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3573, adopted May 11, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker